

## Chapter 35

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of La Pointe at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. III). Amendments noted where applicable.]**

#### **§ 35-1. Madeline Island Ambulance Service.**

- A. Under authority of § 60.565, Wis. Stats., the Town of La Pointe hereby establishes the Madeline Island Ambulance Service to provide emergency medical services.
- B. The Madeline Island Ambulance Service is authorized to create bylaws and operational standards and procedures for the control, management, operational regulation, and routine business of the service. These must be consistent with and adhere to the standards in the current edition of the United States Department of Transportation National Curriculum for Emergency Medical Technicians and direction of the Bureau of EMS and Injury Prevention of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the Wisconsin Physician Medical Director, the Physicians' Advisory Committee of the Wisconsin EMS Board and regional and local physician medical direction.
- C. The Madeline Island Ambulance Service will provide service consistent with the standards established for basic life support (BLS), and all persons serving in the service will maintain a current EMT-Basic license issued by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, except that designated ambulance drivers are not required to be licensed as EMT-Basic. Drivers must complete an emergency vehicle operations course within 10 months of becoming a member of the service.
- D. The Town Board shall appropriate funds to provide for apparatus, equipment, facilities, training and operational costs of the Madeline Island Ambulance Service. The Town Board shall determine and establish the compensation for all persons serving in the Madeline Island Ambulance Service.
- E. The Town of La Pointe may establish and charge a reasonable fee for services provided by the Madeline Island Ambulance Service.
- F. Members of the Madeline Island Ambulance Service are granted limited police power within the Town of La Pointe for the purpose of maintaining health and safety at the scene of any potential emergency incident. Members may issue orders to discontinue inherently unsafe or life-threatening activities and order persons to leave the scene or remain a reasonably prudent distance from the scene of any such incident. This authority does not supersede a competent patient's right to refuse care or treatment.

#### **§ 35-2. Ambulance Service Director.**

The Director shall be the officer in charge of the Madeline Island Ambulance Service. The Director shall be a resident of the Town, nominated by a majority of the members serving in the service, and be appointed by the Town Board. The Director will serve an indefinite term of office unless terminated by death, resignation, change of address outside of the Town, or removal from office by the Town Board in accordance with the current Town employee policy and procedure in effect at the time of removal.

A. The Director may:

- (1) Appoint team leaders and/or assistants to help fulfill any required duties.
- (2) Suspend or temporarily remove from duty a service member for cause at any time. Immediately following any suspension for cause, the Director will make a written report to the Town Board for review which may take action in accordance with the current Town employee policy and procedure in effect at the time of the suspension.

B. The Director shall:

- (1) Establish and maintain standards and procedures for the service consistent with all federal, state, and local regulations, policies, and protocols.
- (2) Establish and maintain, subject to Town Board approval, mutual aid agreements with adjoining EMS services, including the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, for advanced life support (ALS).
- (3) Maintain coordination and liaison with the designated Medical Director of the Bayfield - Ashland County EMS Council.
- (4) Prepare an annual budget, submit regular reports and perform other administrative duties as required by the Town Board, Medical Director, and Wisconsin Department of Health Services.
- (5) Maintain records of service members' qualifications and establish training and recertification programs.